

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1-8 (canceled)

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9. (new) A cosmetic comprising in admixture:

a protease which is extracted from fruit bodies or mycelia of basidiomycete, said protease being present in said cosmetic in an amount of 0.1 to 5% by weight; and

a culture supernatant of lactic acid bacteria, said culture supernatant being present in said cosmetic in an amount of 1-50% by weight.

10. (new) The cosmetic according to claim 9, wherein said basidiomycete comprises *Agaricus blazei* Murill or *Phellinus linteus*.

11. (new) The cosmetic according to claim 9, wherein said culture supernatant includes an agent for stabilizing living cells with adjustment of cytolysis action of the cells by said protease.

12. (new) The cosmetic according to claim 9, wherein said protease is present in said cosmetic in an amount of 0.1-4% by weight, and said culture supernatant of lactic acid bacteria is present in said cosmetic in amount of 5-25% by weight.

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